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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John
4 "Tex" Calvert of Carterville, who passed away on December 14,
5 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born July 9, 1945, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin,
7 to Cecil and Rachel Calvert; he married Brenda Pavloff on June
8 7, 1975; and

9 WHEREAS, The colorful Carterville man, "John" or "Johnny"
10 to Crainville folk and "Tex" to nearly everyone else, grew up
11 in Crainville and graduated from Carterville High School in
12 1963; he was a two-degree graduate of Southern Illinois
13 University in Carbondale; and

14 WHEREAS, He taught fifth and sixth grades in Carterville
15 and Herrin for 33 years; he retired in 2001 and later returned
16 to the classroom as a substitute teacher; he was an active
17 member of Carterville First Baptist Church, where he worked
18 with the youth, taught Sunday school, and had several other
19 roles of leadership over the years; he was a deacon for more
20 than 35 years, including several terms as chairman; and

21 WHEREAS, He served on the board of directors for the

1 Illinois Baptist State Association for 7 years and on the
2 executive committee of the Williamson County Baptist
3 Association for 20 years; along with his wife he organized
4 Bible drills for children throughout Southern Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, He was a familiar face in the Southern Illinois
6 sports community; he served as the basketball scorekeeper at
7 Carterville High School for 51 years and at John A. Logan
8 College for 32 years; he was inducted into the Illinois
9 Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as a "Friend of
10 Basketball"; he led the football chain gang at Carterville High
11 School for 35 years and at SIU for 30 years; in his early
12 years, he also umpired baseball; and

13 WHEREAS, He was a regular caller to Sports Voice, the
14 sports radio show; with his family, he travelled extensively,
15 visiting every state in the continental United States and 10
16 Canadian provinces; he especially enjoyed the Hemlock Inn in
17 Bryson City, North Carolina, Newfoundland, and Door County,
18 Wisconsin; and

19 WHEREAS, John "Tex" Calvert is survived by his wife,
20 Brenda; his sons and daughters-in-law, Wesley and Brandy
21 Calvert and Winston and Amanda Calvert; his grandchildren,
22 Gideon and Josiah and Jasper; he was looking forward to the
23 birth of a granddaughter in January; he is also survived by his

1 sister, Jane Stalker, and her husband, Jim; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of John
5 Calvert; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of John "Tex" Calvert as a symbol of
8 our sincere sympathy.